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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed foreign documents are also enclosed, together with their English Abstracts.

The cited documents may be pertinent because they were cited in an Office Action issued April 1, 2008 in a counterpart Japanese application. U.S. Patent No. 7,003,667 corresponds to JP 2001-186358, and U.S. Patent No. 5,796,839 corresponds to JP 10-003256.

Applicant submits that no fee is due since a first Office Action has not been issued. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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